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SUBJECT: REPATRIATE SHIP: PRESS GUIDANCE

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FOR HERBERT FROM IATF

1. WE DOUBT THAT SHIP DEPARTURE FROM GUAM CAN BE EARLIER THAN OCTOBER 17. WE HOPE TO ASSEMBLE REPATRIATES FROM CONUS AT PENDLETON BY OCTOBER 15 AND THEN MOVE THEM TO GUAM TO BOARD SHIP. SUGGEST YOU KEEP SAILING DATE FLEXIBLE, EXPLAINING THAT IT DEPENDS ON FACTORS SUCH AS WEATHER WHICH CANNOT BE PREDICTED AT THIS TIME.

2. WE LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENT QUESTION OF WHICH PHOTOS TO
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RELEASE, BUT WISH TO REEMPHASIZE THAT ALL PUBLICITY SHOULD

STRESS ROLE OF REPATRIATES IN PREPARING SHIP, IN TRAINING
FOR VOYAGE AND OTHERWISE TO PRESENT A PICTURE OF THE
OPERATION (WHICH IS A TRUE ONE) AS A VIETNAMESE INITIATIVE
TO WHICH WE ARE ACCEDING AND IN WHICH WE ARE ASSISTING
WITH VARIOUS KINDS OF SUPPORT AS REQUIRED. WE DO NOT WISH
TO LIMIT ACCESS OF PRESS TO REPATRIATES OR TO THE SHIP OR
TO "MUZZLE THE MEDIA" IN ANY WAY. ON THE CONTRARY, WE
WISH THERE TO BE WHATEVER LEVEL OF PUBLICITY MEDIA BELIEVE
THE OPERATION DESERVES. KISSINGER

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